

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 13, line 9 as follows:

By homology searching using the EST database of *Aspergillus nidulans*  
(~~<http://www.genome.ou.edu/fungal.html>~~) on the basis of the sequence of aminopeptidase GX  
derived from germinating soybean, EST obd03a1.f1, which had a high homology, was found.